

Equally unacceptable is the notion that, "until peace is definitely concluded, not by diplomats, but by the German Commander-in-Chief, the troops of all nationalities shall be subject to Count Von WALTHER'S authority." Our Government has not yet acknowledged that a state of war exists between us and China, and, certainly, we shall settle by diplomacy all questions arising between the Peking Government and our own, provided the inmates of the legations shall have been liberated. Even if the existence of a formal war between the United States and China should be recognized, we could not permit the terms

The commercial travellers of the United States are too intelligent a body of men, and too deeply and directly concerned in

An Awful Thought.
TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: Let the women but wear trousers and belts with their shirts waists for a few days and the men will set up a howl of anguish against such a fashion that will be heard from ocean to ocean and effectually kill the continuance of the "shirt-waist man." **DAVIDSON BROWN.**
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office of the Tientsin Hotel. The shelling stopped at 6 o'clock in the evening, at about which time the marines under Major Luke attacked and took the military school. A stout defence was made, but inside of half an hour the allied troops had climbed the walls and crossed the gate, the military students retiring to a large room upstairs, from which they main-

order, as it was suspected that they were communicating by means of carrier pigeons with the Chinese troops outside. The step gave rise to a good deal of excitement, of course, both Chinese being well-known men of influence and Chang Yu Mow being known as a man of liberal, even pro-foreign views. Both men were lodged in Butterfield and Swire's godown

One young Russian officer was shot dead by the Chinese of whom he had demanded a passport. The Chinaman showed his passport with one hand and with the other drew a revolver and shot the officer and two men dead, falling himself from a well-directed shot, immediately afterwards. After that no Chinese without European were allowed on the ship.

Disfranchisement Assured in Alabama.
From the New Orleans Times Democrat.
The victory of the Democrats—that is, the election of a Legislature overwhelmingly Democratic—means the early assembling of a Constitutional Convention that will put Alabama in line with its sister States.

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